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Conservation By Design Reveals 2008 Scholarship Winner

Conservation by Design Limited (CXD) has awarded its coveted Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship to E. Betul Cakirca, a paper conservator at Istanbul Muftulugu, Seri Siciller and Mesihat Archive in Turkey.

Now in its fourth year, the scholarship awards £1000 towards the cost of attending the Montefiascone Book Conservation Summer School, a unique bookbinding course held each year in the medieval town of Montefiascone, Italy.

Conservation By Design managing director, Mike Brown said: "The Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship continues to go from strength to strength and once again, the quality of submissions was exceptionally high. We chose Betul because we were particularly impressed with her enthusiasm and obvious dedication to increasing her knowledge and skills. We also felt that there is a great need for trained conservators of library materials in Turkey and hope that this award will have long term benefits for book conservation in the country."

Betul intends to use her scholarship to attend two courses at the Summer School at the end of August, The Cambridge Terrier – a fifteenth century chemise binding and The Romanesque Book in Spain and Northern Europe.

She said: "I am thrilled to be offered this amazing opportunity to study at the Montefiascone School. Not only is it a chance for me to learn about European bookbinding, as there are no courses on this in Turkey, but also to share my experience and knowledge of Ottoman heritage with other conservators. The courses will help me to develop new skills and expertise which will be particularly beneficial to my career in conservation.

"I am extremely grateful to Conservation By Design for awarding me the scholarship and I'm very excited about going out to Montefiascone."

For further information on the Nicholas Hadgraft Memorial Scholarship, contact Conservation By Design on 01234 844 360 or visit www.conservation-by-design.co.uk.

The scholarship is offered in memory of Dr Nicholas Hadgraft, a good friend of Conservation By Design who died tragically in 2004. Nicholas was a fellow of the University of the Arts London and a key collaborator on the "Squelch Drying" technique devised by Stuart Welch (the founder of CXD), the most effective way to date of drying valuable rare books.

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